

Missionary Bishops.

The following, says the Boston Christian Witness and Advocate (Protestant Episcopal), is a more extended report of the proceedings of the Convocation on this interesting subject than we were enabled to give last week:

The Bishop of Oxford moves to have the appointment of a bishop of the South African Church of Convocation for the purpose of drawing up an address to his Grace the President, praying him to put himself in communication with the various metropolitan bishops in the colonies as to their respective views on the subject of missionary bishops to the home and colonial Church. His Lordship said he had received a communication from the bishop of Cape Town, metropolitan of the South African branch of our Church, requesting him to bring the question before their Lordships, in consequence of the recent consecration to the episcopacy of Archbishop Macenzie, who last year went out to that part of the world as the head of Oxford and Cambridge Mission to Africa. At the time when the Church took this new step of sending new elements of its strength beyond the frontiers of the Queen's dominions, they must take every care that the president they were now sending tended to the unity of the Church, to the maintenance of our pure reformed faith in all the branches of the Church, which might spread from it, and so forth.

There was another matter which made him extremely anxious that their Lordships should take action without delay. A communication had been made to this country by the King of the Sandwich Islands, praying that a bishop of the Church of England should be sent out to organize the branches of the Christian Church in his own dominions. As, perhaps, some of their Lordships did not know exactly what had taken place, he might mention the circumstances a little more in detail. The Consul of his Majesty the King of the Sandwich Islands, had received a communication from his Majesty, stating that he was most anxious to see a branch of the Church of England planted in his dominions. He stated that by the Constitution of his dominions there could be established a church, in its proper sense, for all creeds were to be left free, and to be supported voluntarily; but that the Roman Catholics had made great attempts to convert his subjects to their faith, and they had bishops, clergy, and nuns settled in his islands, and that he had received great support from the Emperor of the French, who certainly spared no efforts to gain over the King himself, for he had sent him a magnificent service plate. On the other hand, the King mentioned that Protestant dissenters had a mission there, but he found that there was not a sufficient number of people, or that they were not sufficiently devoted to the faith, or that they were not sufficiently united to the Church of England, in their mission to make head against the Roman Catholics, that he was convinced from having been in England, that the only body that could render his people free from the errors of Rome, and hand down a pure faith to posterity, was the Church of England; and it was on that account that he was desirous to see a branch of the Church of England established in his dominions. His Majesty proposed to give a portion of the Crown lands for the endowment of the proposed bishopric, the payment of such clergy as might be sent out. He also proposed, moreover, make the bishop prelate of the Crown Prince, which would enable him to give the bishop a stipend out of the public revenues. The King wrote to her Majesty the Queen, in excellent English, begging her Majesty to give all the assistance she could towards the accomplishment of the object he desired to accomplish. He believed his Majesty had also written to her Majesty the Archbishop of Canterbury on the subject.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said he had not had a letter from the King, but he had received one from his Majesty's Consul. The Bishop of Lincoln said the Bishop of Gloucester's remarks seemed to make it more necessary that some friendly suggestions should be made by the bishops of England for the guidance of the Queen. He should be very desirous to interfere with the due and fitting liberty of any Church more than necessary, but there were considerations far more important than mere liberty—namely, the preservation of the doctrine of the Church of England. While they were increasing responsibilities in sending forth missions, not only in her Majesty's dominions, but beyond them, they must also accept the responsibility that might attach to any want of unity, or to any indication of any bishop or presbyter who might bring a stain upon the Church or her doctrine. They knew perfectly well that the great strength of the Church of Rome lay in the singular union which she displays in all her parts. That might be carried to excess; but when the Church of England sent forth bishops and presbyters into foreign lands, she thought the Church at home was bound to take all prudent means to see that unity in doctrine, and as far as possible, unity in action, was secured and maintained in the different branches of the Church so planted. It should be recollected that more than one of the colonial bishops had written to the bishops at home with a view to ascertain what should be the status of those bishops appointed beyond her Majesty's dominions, and in justice to them, the bishops at home must give them such advice as they were able, although they might use their free will in following it or not.

The regiments of the Northern army, it is well known, contain practical mechanics, of every branch of trade, as well as artists, merchants, clerks, and men in every walk of business—so that when a commander sends a brigade built, a locomotive repaired, or a pair of boats mended, he finds a ready response to his order of "Carpenters, step to the front!" "Machinists, two paces forward," "March!" "Shoemaker to the front and center," "March!" "Carpenters—At him! full chisel!" "Shave him down!" "Knock him up to it!" "Smash his horn!" "Lead him with a chisel!" "Shoemaker—See him up! Give him a good bast- ing!" "Sailors—Smash his top lights!" "Run foul of him!" "Sink him!" "Saw Maker—Give him a welting!" "Peg away at him! Close him up!" "Fishermen—Split him and salt him! Hook him in the gills!" "Blacksmiths—Let him have it red hot! Hammer it into him!" "Painters—A little more lead! Lay it on to him! We're just the size for him!" "Barbers—Our 'dander' is up! Now for a good brush! Give him a good 'dander'!" "Cutlers—Polish him down! Give him a keen edge!" "Bakers—He (knocks working over)! Let's go him home, boys!" "Glaziers—Smash the awful 'set'! Let's do our 'puttist'!" "Lawyers—Be brief with him! Get his head in chains!" "Stick him with—the coats!" "Machinists—Set his running gear in motion! We'll have the driving wheel, and he shan't heak the connection again!" "Bill Posters—Stick him to the wall!" "Musical Instrument Makers—His notes are all spoiled! String him up!" "Jewellers—Chase him well! Show him your nettle, boys!" "Stage Drivers—Whip him into the traces! Touch up his leaders with the string!"

Foreign Summary.

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